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A fire investigator walks through rubble between two homes destroyed in a fire in East Vancouver yesterday. A third house was partially damaged in the early morning blaze that's left 10 people homeless.

Blaze destroys homes

No one hurt in fire as 10 left homeless

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

the cat came back

» The residents of one of the destroyed homes thought their cat had died in the blaze until firefighters found it, soaked but alive, in the rubble hours later.
» Its name, fittingly, is Smokey.

One home is badly damaged and two others have been reduced to charred ruins after a fire in East Vancouver early yesterday morning.

No one was hurt but 10 people have been left homeless, investigators said.

The fire started around 4:30 a.m. in the back of a two-storey home on Inverness Street and Kingsway, and within minutes had spread to two neighbouring homes.

Hugh Rose, whose house was partially damaged in the blaze, said he and his wife stood on their lawn and watched helplessly as the fire spread from the neighbours' home to theirs.

"It hasn't really kicked in yet," said Rose, who was wearing baggy sweatpants and a hoodie loaned to him by a neighbour.

The bulk of the damage was at the back of the house and to his 10-week-old daughter's room. Luckily, she was sleeping in her parents' room.

"We were really lucky," Rose said. "My family's safe, that's number one. You can always rebuild a home … (But) I feel bad for (the neighbours)."

Mark Rinkinen, who was in the home where the fire started, said all he remembers is seeing smoke and orange flames.

"(The fire) moved quickly," he said. "I'm not sure how it started."

Vancouver Fire Deputy Chief Tom McEwen said it's lucky no one was hurt.

The cause of the fire is still not known.

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local

Bunny thieves have made off with two lop-eared adult rabbits from the B.C. SPCA's Surrey branch. Adoptions were pending on both animals, Harry, left, and Ninet.

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Voice of dissent

Former colonel who resigned over Iraq speaks before vote

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

A retired United States Army colonel turned anti-war activist was in town yesterday to speak about U.S. war resisters and the historic vote taking place at the House of Commons tomorrow.

Col. Ann Wright, who resigned from her position under then-U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell the day before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, spoke about her reasons for doing so.

"He conducted himself in a way that is harmful for U.S. national security as well as international security by not saying ... the war on Iraq was based on false information."

Tomorrow, Canada's parliament will vote on a motion to allow U.S. war resisters to remain in Canada. It is the first of its kind and will determine the fate of Corey Glass, a former sergeant in the national guard in Los Angeles, Calif., who claimed refugee status in Toronto. The Canadian government is currently planning on deporting him on June 12.

"The vote in the Canadian parliament about whether or not war resisters can stay is really monumental," said Wright. "It's important not just for the individuals who will be affected by it, but also on another level for the conscience of Canada."

Sarah Bjorknas, Vancouver co-ordinator for the War Resisters Support Campaign, said that while resisters have different circumstances, "the underlying issue is the legalities of people making the moral choice" not to participate in the war.

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Ann Wright, a former U.S. army colonel, speaks in Vancouver yesterday about a parliamentary vote tomorrow that would allow American war resisters to stay in Canada.

Powell to speak

» Colin Powell will be speaking at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre on June 12.

Ski jumpers defend suit

Say they believe VANOC is the right defendant

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

A representative for a group of female athletes suing the Vancouver Organizing Committee for barring them from competing in 2010 said they hope by pressuring VANOC it will in turn pressure the International Olympic Committee.

On May 21, nine women jumpers filed a statement of claim in the B.C. Supreme Court alleging VANOC is breaking Canadian equal rights laws by not allowing women ski jumpers to compete in the Games.

VANOC filed a statement of defence on Friday, saying it doesn't control what sports are included in the Games.

"The plaintiffs have sued the wrong defendant," VANOC said in its statement. "The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms has no application to the IOC, which is not a Canadian entity.

Deedee Corradini, president of Women's Ski Jumping U.S.A., said VANOC's defence is a quick blanket denial of their claim.

"We still believe we have a strong suit and they are the right defendant," she said. "VANOC cannot allow the IOC to break Canada's laws."

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fall hearing

» A hearing in the matter will be brought before a B.C. Supreme Court judge in the fall.

»news In Brief

» **DEATH** A man was held in custody yesterday after a body was found dumped outside the West Shore RCMP detachment, northwest of Victoria, cbc.ca/bc reports yesterday. Efforts were made to revive the body. Witnesses said it was dumped out of a black pickup truck.

» **SEX ASSAULT** Louie James Lewis, 22, of North Vancouver, was sentenced to two years in prison for a sexual assault on an unconscious teenage girl, West Vancouver police said Friday. The 17-year-old victim was unconscious from drinking too much alcohol.

» **HEALTH** North Vancouver RCMP are looking for a suspect after several juice and milk containers were altered at Lions Gate Hospital Thursday. Staff noticed that a pre-prepared juice looked and smelled differently. A search found that several sealed containers had small holes punched in them. The liquids are being analyzed, but staff believe no patients were served altered drinks.

» **VIGIL** Supporters of Vancouver's supervised injection site held a vigil at Victory Square Park Saturday, kicking off a campaign to uphold the B.C. Supreme Court's ruling that InSite cannot constitutionally be shut down. The federal Conservatives are appealing the decision.

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deficit-driven

College cuts jobs, business program

VCC Vancouver Community College will be cutting its business studies program and laying off instructors as a result of a $4.5-million provincial operating deficit announced in March.

Stephen Barrington, director of marketing and communications for VCC, told cbc.ca that there would be about 340 less full-time student spaces.

"There will be what's called a teach out, which means the program will continue to be delivered until the students come to the natural end of the program," he said.

About 80 instructors will be cut from humanities, math and science departments, as well as student spaces.

ANDREA WOO/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

city culture

Mayor fights for CBC classical radio

ORCHESTRA Mayor Sam Sullivan is taking action to prevent the disbanding of Vancouver's long-running CBC Radio Orchestra.

"You could describe it as the only national cultural institution in this city," said Sullivan, who wrote the federal government yesterday. "The CBC is the only place you can go to get good classical and contemporary symphonic music."

Sullivan is to declare June CBC Radio Orchestra Month.

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RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Cyclists in the senior women's division battle for the lead in the B.C. Cancer Foundation's Westside Cycling Classic yesterday near UBC.

Gearing up for a fight

Cyclists raise over $131,000 to help combat cancer

By **DONNA NG**
for Metro Vancouver

More than 400 cyclists hit the streets of University of B.C. yesterday for the inaugural Westside Cycling Classic to help raise money for the B.C. Cancer Foundation.

Vancouver Canucks' Trevor Linden was joined by Axel Merckx, an Olympic cycling medalist, and Tour de France veteran Alex Steida, along with 270 top amateur cyclists and 150 community cyclists at the fundraiser.

"When you have someone close to you with cancer, you really want a cure to eradicate the disease," said Merckx, whose mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer.

prize trip

» At the event, a VIP trip for two to the 2008 Tour de France was awarded to the top fundraiser.

Top amateurs competed in 104-kilometre races for men's and 84-kilometres for women's, while the community riders took the 36-kilometres fundraising route or 12 kilometres for participants younger than 17.

Jointly, the cyclists raised more than $131,000, for cancer research. Nick Locke, Interim CEO of the B.C. Cancer Foundation, said he hopes the Westside Cycling Classic will become an annual event.

"I think everyone has been touched by cancer," said Linden. "This is a great event. It combines a passion of mine, which is cycling, with good people."

»news In Brief

» **GANG** Friends and family of Chris Mohan gathered at a Surrey cemetery on Saturday on what would have been his 23rd birthday. His mother, Eileen Mohan, took the opportunity to campaign for a website that would publicly identify known gangsters. Mohan and another innocent man, Ed Schellenberg, were killed in a mass gang shooting.

» **STABBING** Four teenage girls are in hospital after being stabbed behind a Surrey school. An adult male has been arrested, RCMP Insp. Derren Lench said, adding that alcohol and a previous fight may be factors in the incident. The girls are all expected to recover. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Stats show double-digit declines in crime rates

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

The mayor of Vancouver credits the Vancouver Police Department's Compstat program for a drop in crime in the first half of this year compared to the same period in 2006.

According to statistics from the two-year-old data-gathering system, total violent crime is down 16 per cent and total property crime is down 17 per cent. Car thefts are down 33 per cent, theft from cars is down 27 per cent and robberies are down 18 per cent.

'dots'

» Sullivan expects an investment in social housing, the reopening of the Riverview mental health facility, the opening of community court and the acquisition of 96 more police officers to result in further drops.

"(Compstat) gives a very good and rigorous analysis of all the crimes that are happening in the city and gives the police some real tools to go after the new trends in crime," said Sam Sullivan.

Sullivan said the VPD wants "cops on the dots," meaning an allocation of officers to areas high in crime.

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N.E.R.D., left, appears at Livestock (1709 West Fourth Ave.) today for an in-store meet and greet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The group plays with Kayne West's Glow In The Dark tour tonight at G.M. Place.

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Gang task force issues warning

Family, associates of arrested brothers face murder threats

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

known to police

» The brothers, who are each charged with nine firearms-related charges and jointly with an additional 15 firearm offences, are well known to police in the Lower Mainland.

The family and associates of two brothers who were arrested on weapons charges could be in jeopardy, warned B.C.'s gang task force.

In a release Saturday, the B.C. Integrated Gang Task Force said there have been ongoing threats of murder toward Jarrod Bacon, 25, Jamie Bacon, 22, one other Bacon family member and some associates.

"A number of family members, associates and the Bacons have been informed of the ongoing threats, however, investigators are concerned that other associates, not as yet identified by police, are unaware of the threats and are at risk," said Sgt. Shinder Kirk in a release.

Jarrod and Jamie were arrested Saturday afternoon on weapons charges with the assistance of Surrey RCMP and Vancouver's emergency response team. The arrest, at Willingdon Avenue and Canada Way, was without incident.

REUTERS

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Apology not accepted

Sorry for schools not enough: Group

By **DONNA NG**
for Metro Vancouver

A group opposing an upcoming apology to residential school survivors held a rally outside of the Holy Rosary Cathedral yesterday morning.

"We're here because Steven Harper is going to apologize and we're not accepting the apology because you can't apologize for 50,000 deaths," said Kevin Annett, organizer of the event and former minister of the United Church of Canada.

About a dozen people showed up for the rally and yelled through megaphones while striking ceremonial drums. The group wore red bandanas and carried a poster shaped as a coffin with the number 50,000 to represent the children.

"The Church and State tried to get rid of the Indian system," said Rob Morgan, community organizer and second-generation residential school survivor.

Residential school survivors have received a government settlement of $10,000 but Morgan said the money has led to alcohol and drug problems.

The apology is scheduled to take place on June 11.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

A group calling itself The Friends of the Disappeared protest outside Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver yesterday. Protesters said an upcoming government apology to Aboriginals for treatment in residential schools isn't enough.

»news In Brief

» **FIRE** An overnight fire in Surrey has sent one man to hospital with serious injuries, news1130.com reports. The Saturday night fire gutted the Intercontinental Truck business near 192nd Street and Highway 10. Investigators haven't determined what caused the fire.

» **PROGRAM** Victoria's needle-exchange will close its doors today after months of complaints from businesses and residents about noise, crime and garbage, CBC News Online reports. About 400 people a month used the facility, which opened 20 years ago. Outreach workers will now operate out of a van.

» **CRIME** Three men wanted for their alleged involvement in two violent home invasions have turned themselves in, cknw.com reports. Const. Tim Fanning said Eunises Rodriquez Laffita, 36, Jorge Campo Allegre, 43, and Luis Uzquiano, 37, have been arrested. They allegedly targeted two homes, in which they assaulted their victims, in early May.

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Donations in the name of Luc Bourdon, left, in the amount of $28 or $28.28 in honour of his jersey number, have been made to Canuck Place, a children's hospice. SOURCE: CANUCKS.COM

Town mourns Bourdon

1,800 pay respects at Shippagan, N.B., memorial service

By **ANDREW KING**
for Metro Vancouver

More than 1,800 people paid their respects to Luc Bourdon at a memorial service in Shippagan, N.B., yesterday, and even more are expected at his funeral today.

The 21-year-old Canuck defenceman died last week after crashing his motorcycle near his family home.

Shippagan's town clerk and one of the 100 funeral organizers, Nathalie Robichaud, said she expects a full house at the town's hockey arena to say goodbye in what she said will be a "very special" but "humble" day.

"Our arena can hold about 2,000 people, and we're planning for 2,000," she said. "We've transformed it, it's beautiful."

Robichaud had the opportunity to catch up with Bourdon last summer at an event she organized at the arena, but her relationship with him began when his mother first brought him to her for a haircut.

donations

» The Canucks yesterday thanked family, friends and fans for their donations in memory of Luc Bourdon. The team also announced Bourdon's family is asking that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Luc Bourdon's name to IWK Health Centre Foundation in Halifax, or the Association du Hockey Mineur de la Peninsule Acadienne-Division est in Pointe-Alexandre, N.B.

"I cut his hair for many years," she said. "Oh my god, he was a young child … I think his mom brought him to me about 16 years ago."

The long-time resident of Shippagan described the Acadian town as a tight-knit, friendly community where everyone is friends and knows each other well, making it even harder to handle Bourdon's death.

"Everybody knows Luc here … everyone is a fan also."

At 2 p.m., family, friends and fans will honour Bourdon where his hockey career began, in what Robichaud anticipates will be "a class hockey game."

Fans erect monument at GM Place

Arena lowers flag as makeshift memorial created

By **ANDREW KING**
for Metro Vancouver

Fans gathered outside GM Place yesterday to pay their respects and say goodbye to Luc Bourdon.

One after one, fans arrived covering a concrete pillar with messages, pictures and flowers in honour of the 21-year-old defenceman, who died last week after crashing his motorcycle in his hometown of Shippagan, N.B.

The Canucks' first-round draft pick might have only played 27 games with the big club, but those who watched him play already considered him a fan favourite.

"I just came down to see it," said Shaylene, as her eyes welled up with tears after writing a message for Bourdon. "It just shows that we're all Canucks."

A group of friends drove in from New Westminster to mourn the young player because "once a Canuck, always a Canuck," they said.

Many of the messages adorning the wall expressed sorrow for the young man's death and photos showed him posing with fans.

To accompany the growing monument to Bourdon and recognize the young man's short life, the Canucks flag at GM Place was lowered to half-mast.

ANDREW KING FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Canuck fans gather around a makeshift memorial at GM Place yesterday to leave messages and flowers for Luc Bourdon. The young defenceman died last week when his motorcycle collided with a transport truck in N.B.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Trevor Linden speaks about Luc Bourdon prior to taking part in the Westside Cycling Classic in Vancouver yesterday.

'Always great to be around'

By **DONNA NG**
for Metro Vancouver

Teammate and friend Trevor Linden said Luc Bourdon's humour and fun-loving personality is going to be missed.

> « *It's not a great idea to ride motorcycles — it's dangerous, but a lot of things are dangerous.* »
> *Trevor Linden*

"Any 21-year-old with his whole life in front — to have his life end is very unfortunate," said Linden. "It's very sad, very tragic."

Linden said Bourdon was a big fan of video games and brought fun onto the hockey rink and into the changing room. Stress and pressure of the game were relieved by doing the things Bourdon loved such as watching movies and playing poker.

"There was definitely a generation gap, but Luc was always great to be around."

With the recent incident, consideration regarding banning of specific sports has been suggested by NHL agents and managers.

"It's long been known that any sport is dangerous. It's not a great idea to ride motorcycles — it's dangerous, but a lot of things are dangerous," added Linden.

»news In Brief

» **JERSEY** The fan who won defenceman Luc Bourdon's jersey at the Jersey Off Our Backs Event following the Vancouver Canucks' final game of the season has contacted the team to offer Bourdon's last game-worn jersey to the family.

» **DANCE CHAMP** Luc Bourdon won the dancing competition at this year's Dice and Ice fundraiser for Canuck Place Children's Hospice. Video of the rookie dance competition is on *youtube.com* under the title Canucks Dice and Ice — Rookies Dance.

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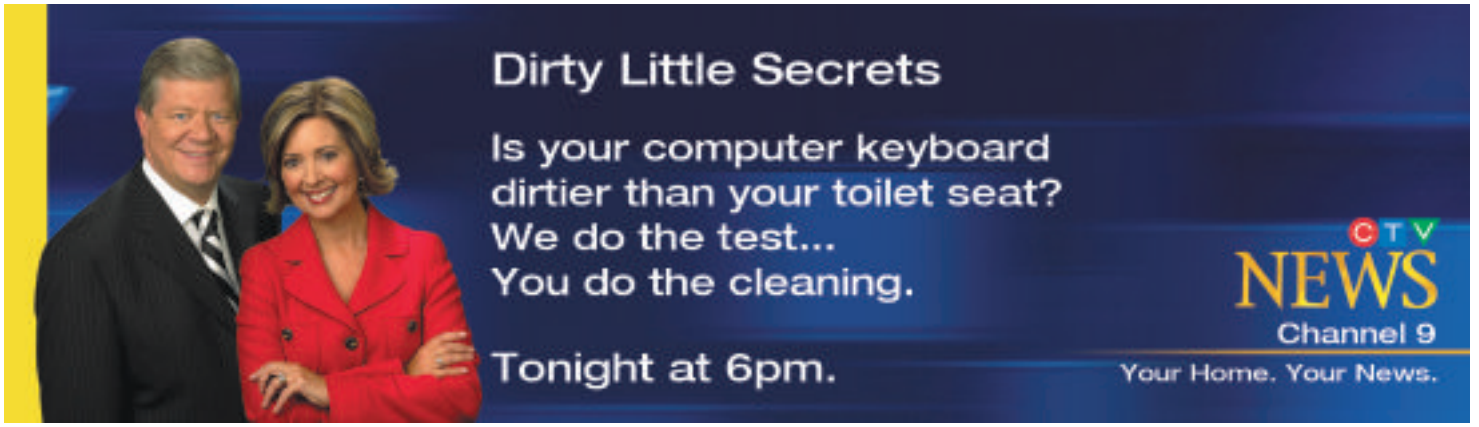

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The federal government is planning to send unmanned aircraft and between six to 10 Chinook helicopters to Afghanistan in support of the 55,000 NATO-led foreign troops serving there. Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the equipment will be in place by February 2009. REUTERS

MPs expect long break

Opposition parties expect Tories to extend recess

Stalled in the polls and running out of policy ideas, the federal Conservatives are certain to extend Parliament's summer break until mid-November to scuttle chances for a fall election, opposition MPs say.

conservative response

» Cabinet ministers yesterday dismissed talk of an extended recess as merely opposition speculation. "The rumour is not true. We have no intention of proroguing," government House leader Peter Van Loan (York-Simcoe) said.

Liberals and New Democrats are expecting Prime Minister Stephen Harper to delay the return of Parliament — expected to recess in the middle of June — until after the Tories' policy convention Nov. 13 to 15.

That would give the government more time to develop new ideas in a bid to repair the damage caused by last week's resignation of foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier.

"I think it's quite plausible. That is undoubtedly a scheme they have in mind. They are clearly a government without any credible agenda," Liberal House leader Ralph Goodale (Wascana) said in an interview. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **EDMONTON** Police are investigating four separate stabbings that occurred on Saturday morning in the city. A 17-year-old was stabbed at 3:45 a.m.; a 20-year-old was stabbed a few hours later; a 24-year-old was stabbed around the same time in a different part of the city; and a limo driver was slashed when trying to break up a fight between two passengers.

» **FIRE** Workers sawing cars apart unintentionally started a Calgary junkyard fire that forced the fire department to issue an air quality advisory to the surrounding Erinwoods community on Saturday afternoon. The damage to the compound was estimated at $125,000, including damage to a small building. A dog also died as a result of the fire.

» **CRASH** A man flying a homemade aircraft to Lacombe airport was airlifted to an Edmonton hospital with serious head injuries yesterday after the plane crashed and split in two in a nearby field. The 77-year-old pilot, who was the only occupant of the two-seat, single-wing plane, was ejected when the plane crashed shortly after 8:30 a.m.

» **HALIFAX** A 35-year-old man has been charged with possession and distribution of child pornography after Halifax Regional Police discovered what they referred to as "the most elaborate collection of child pornography" their Internet child exploitation unit has ever come across. Investigators searched Michael Wickens' home on the morning of May 23 and arrested him. He was released on conditions, including restricted computer use and no contact with children. Police seized thousands of child pornography images connected to the arrest. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Billions needed for infrastructure, conference of municipalities hears

Canada lacking 'vision' to solve problem: Speaker

Canada must invest billions in infrastructure to remain competitive on the world stage, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion told the Federation of Canadian Municipalities this weekend.

Canada is missing the "vision that built the rail lines across this country," she said, arguing that citizens must become engaged in the discussion about infrastructure because they're the ones politicians will respond to.

The mayor reminded the audience of Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's reported remarks about Ottawa not being in the "pothole business."

'crippling'

» Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton told the conference the infrastructure deficit cities cumulatively face — reported to be $123 billion — is "crippling" municipalities.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Calgary

Police set to help community cope

MURDER Calgary police are hosting a session tonight hoping to provide some support for residents grieving last week's murder-suicide that claimed five lives.

"It's something where people can deal with their feelings," said Louise French of the Dalhousie Community Association. METRO CALGARY

New test controversial

Passing a test currently used for university students will soon become a requirement of immigrating to Canada, and the rigorous language test will either be fair and efficient with the influx of newcomers, or vastly discriminatory and fatally flawed, depending on whom you talk to.

The International English Language Testing System exam, says the Canadian Bar Association, is too difficult for skilled tradespeople — just the type of immigrants that the government is hoping to attract.

But Burke Thornton, immigration program officer at the visa office in Buffalo, told a conference earlier this month that the universal English test will improve the efficiency of the immigration system and will help move people "through the queue."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Halifax Stabbing death

ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

A police K-9 unit scours the field north of an elementary school in Halifax yesterday morning after the body of a 65-year-old man who was stabbed to death was found on a pathway nearby. Police said the body was found under "suspicious circumstances," but wouldn't elaborate.

Ottawa Murder-suicide?

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Police were on scene yesterday looking for clues to explain an apparent murder-suicide that happened Saturday evening. If ruled a murder, it would mark Ottawa's third of 2008.

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world

Poaching in the Himalayas is taking a heavy toll on the population of the endangered one-horned rhinoceros in Nepal, a wildlife official said yesterday. Phanindra Kharel said nine of the 31 rhinoceros in the jungles of Bardiya National Park have gone missing in the past year. REUTERS

Fire hits Universal Studios

Movie sets, King Kong attraction damaged in blaze

A fire roared through part of Universal Studios film and TV studio yesterday, damaging well-known movie sets and a popular King Kong attraction before being brought largely under control after 12 hours, fire officials said.

Universal, one of the world's six major film studios, had to close its popular theme park for the day because of the fire but it did not interfere with yesterday's taping of the popular MTV Movie Awards at the adjacent Gibson Amphitheater.

cause

» L.A. County Fire Inspector Darryl Jacobs said the blaze was first reported about 4:45 a.m. The cause was not immediately clear.

» Universal said it would resume its normal business hours today at 10 a.m., when all rides and attractions, including the studio tour, would be operating.

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A fire truck and firefighters are seen at Gate 2 of Universal Studios as smoke rises from a fire that rages out of control at the backlot filled with movie sets in Universal City, Ca., yesterday.

About 500 firefighters from several Los Angeles-area fire departments battled the blaze, which caused no fatalities but injured nine firefighters and a deputy sheriff, said Los Angeles County Fire Insp. Ron Haralson.

By late afternoon, he said, the backlot fire was contained to a single structure — the King Kong exhibit — as firefighters used bulldozers to move burning videotapes and other flaming debris.

The blaze destroyed about five structures within a faux New York set used in various movies and television shows, including one sound stage. Also damaged was the King Kong attraction, an alley from The Sting and a set from Back to the Future.

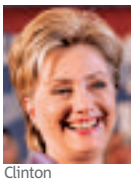
The fire caused traffic jams for miles in all directions to the studio, where a building housing a video vault had been badly damaged and the vault itself was "compromised."

A Universal spokeswoman said about 40,000 to 50,000 videos had been damaged but the studios either had copies of those films or could easily copy them. REUTERS

Clinton wins big in Puerto Rico

Democrat still trails rival Obama

Hillary Clinton won the Democratic nominating contest in Puerto Rico yesterday, but still badly trails front-runner Barack Obama as he draws closer to clinching the party's presidential race.



Clinton

Clinton's win in Puerto Rico, a territory where residents are not allowed to vote in the November election, gave her more fuel for her argument that she has won more popular votes in the five-month nominating fight and is the best Democrat to face Republican John McCain.

But the results pushed Obama closer to the magic number of 2,118 delegates needed to become the nominee, and the Illinois senator already has turned his attention to a general election fight with McCain.

Contests tomorrow in Montana and South Dakota, with 31 pledged delegates to the August nominating convention at stake, conclude the voting in the Democratic presidential race. Obama is about 45 delegates shy of securing the nomination and could reach the number quickly with help from some of the approximately 180 uncommitted superdelegates — party officials who can back any candidate.

Clinton made a direct appeal to those delegates yesterday, saying they should consider her argument that she would have the best chance to beat McCain and had won more votes than Obama. REUTERS

Israel plans West Bank settlements

Israel announced plans yesterday to build hundreds of new homes in an area of the occupied West Bank the Israeli government considers part of Jerusalem, despite U.S. and Palestinian calls to halt settlement expansion.

The announcement came two days before Prime Minister Ehud Olmert sets off for Washington for a three-day visit where he will meet U.S. U.S. President George W. Bush.

The 2003 peace "road map," reaffirmed by Israeli and Palestinian leaders at a conference hosted by Bush in November, requires a halt to all settlement activity on occupied land where Palestinians seek statehood. REUTERS

Flood fears ease in China

Authorities finish channel to drain rising water

Fears of a devastating flood from a lake formed by last month's Sichuan earthquake eased yesterday after hundreds of soldiers and engineers successfully completed a channel to drain away the rising water.

Authorities had evacuated 197,000 people and drawn up plans to move as many as another 1.3 million because of the risks posed by a collapse of the Tangjiashan lake, one of 30 created by landslides touched off by the quake.

Engineers were due to start draining the lake as early as yesterday, according to the official Xinhua news agency, which said the army had been able to abandon back-up plans to use dynamite to blast away debris and relieve pressure on the river feeding into the lake. REUTERS

death toll rises

» The official death toll from the May 12 quake rose slightly yesterday to 69,016, with 18,830 still missing in remote parts of the mountainous southwestern province.

» More than 15 million have been evacuated from the areas hit by the 7.9-magnitude quake.

Royals **Prince William**

JOHN STILLWELL/REUTERS

Prince William is seen in his Royal Navy uniform in this handout photo. The prince could be chasing Caribbean drug runners when he joins the Royal Navy for a two-month training course. He may also be called on to provide humanitarian relief if a hurricane hits during his deployment in the region.

»news In Brief

» **PEOPLE** French fashion king Yves Saint Laurent, hailed for revolutionizing the way women dressed, died yesterday. He was 71 and had been in poor health for some time.

» **POLITICS** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert vowed yesterday to stay in office and continue to lead the Kadima party, showing no signs of buckling under pressure of a police corruption probe and calls for him to step down.

» **FRANCE** Iraq is interested in buying sophisticated French weaponry to help re-equip its military as it moves to take over security duties from coalition forces, a government spokesman said yesterday.

» **ELECTION** Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski scored an overwhelming election victory yesterday. REUTERS

REUTERS/NASA TV

Mission specialist Karen Nyberg eats an apple on the mid deck of the Space Shuttle Discovery shortly after launch in this view from a hand-held video camera onboard the orbiter and released on NASA TV yesterday.

Discovery closing in

Shuttle nearing Space Station

Space shuttle Discovery closed in on the International Space Station yesterday to deliver a Japanese research laboratory, a new crew member and a repair kit for the outpost's faulty toilet.

The spaceship was scheduled to arrive at the station shortly before 2 p.m. today. The shuttle and seven astronauts blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Saturday for a two-week mission.

Because the Japanese laboratory in Discovery's cargo bay is so large, it is flying without an inspection boom routinely used to scour the ships for damage since the 2003 Columbia shuttle catastrophe. The last shuttle to visit the space station left its boom behind for the Discovery crew to use and return to Earth.

The astronauts yesterday performed a limited inspection of the ship's wings using a camera on the end of the shuttle's 50-foot robot arm.

The arm is only long enough for the crew to take images of the upper surfaces of the wings' leading edges. A more thorough inspection is planned for later in the mission. The shuttle also lost about five pieces of insulating foam from its fuel tank during liftoff, the same problem that triggered the 2003 loss of Columbia in which seven astronauts died. Analysis of this problem was underway but NASA's top space operations manager said there was no cause for concern. REUTERS

Climate measures to blame for costs: Critics

UN-led climate talks kick off today in Germany with experts trying to forge a global-warming pact facing a new challenge from critics who say climate change measures are partly to blame for higher food and energy prices.

The meeting is the second of eight that aim to secure a global climate deal by the end of next year, to come into force after the first round of the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

The Bonn talks focus on the "toolkit" of steps that can curb rising emissions of greenhouse gas such as carbon dioxide, which scientists say risk catastrophic climate change. REUTERS

Breast milk gives girls boost: Study

Babies' respiratory infections tracked

Breastfeeding gives all infants numerous health advantages compared to baby formula, but in at least one respect girls get a greater benefit from breast milk than boys, researchers said yesterday.

The researchers tracked a group of very low birth weight, pre-term infants in Buenos Aires to gauge the protective effect of breastfeeding against respiratory infections in babies.

They found that infant girls who were breastfed were far less likely than baby boys who were breastfed to develop serious respiratory infections requiring hospitalization.

A lot of research has shown that breastfed babies enjoy a range of health benefits compared to those given baby formula beyond combating respiratory infections.

These include fewer ear, stomach or intestinal infections, digestive problems, skin diseases and allergies, and less risk of developing high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity.

And some research has shown breast-fed babies are smarter, too. REUTERS

milk nutrients

» Researcher Dr. Fernando Polack said there may be something in the breast milk that better activates a baby girl's ability to cope with such infections more so than it does for a baby boy.

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My stomach is flat again
Cathy Summers was devastated for several years because of her problems with yeast. She felt bloated, had gained weight, craved carbohydrates and her energy levels were lower than ever. It was also putting a real toll on her relationship with her boyfriend Peter.
I WAS DESPERATE
"Nobody seemed to take my condition seriously and no remedy would help me. But through at local health food store I got in contact with a naturopath and he was in no doubt, after hearing my symptoms; I had an imbalance in my intestines between healthy bacteria and yeast cells. He told me how common it is that yeast fungi overgrow in the intestines, but that most people don't know they have the problem. Actually, one in three of his female customers experienced these problems."
I TRIED DIDA
"The naturopath gave me a list of things to avoid, such as white sugar, white flour, candy, processed foods and active yeast (bread). He then put me on two dida tablets a day, for eight weeks and told me to take them with a meal."
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Candida fungi can overgrow if you eat a poor diet (refined sugars especially), if you have used antibiotics or birth control pills, or if your immune system is weak (malnutrition, overtraining, bad health in general).
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business

British-based Silverjet became the third London-New York business-class airline to run out of money on Friday and grounded its fleet after failing to get an emergency $5-million US loan. REUTERS

Bell defends 'throttling' Net

Bell Canada Inc. has submitted detailed information to regulators in support of its controversial practice of "throttling" certain types of Internet traffic, a move the phone company argues is necessary to relieve congestion on its network.

The phone giant claims to have offered proof to the CRTC that sniffing out and slowing down bandwidth-intensive peer-to-peer file-sharing protocols is necessary to prevent a serious degradation in Internet service for some 700,000 users within less than a year.

Mirko Bibic, Bell's chief of regulatory affairs, said building additional capacity would be uneconomical since much of it would go unused during non-peak periods.

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Harder to forecast inflation: Carney

Fuel prices making predictions difficult

Rising gas prices are making it increasingly hard for the Bank of Canada to forecast inflation, central bank Governor Mark Carney said in an interview published Saturday in the French-language newspaper La Presse.

High gasoline prices contributed to push Canada's year-on-year inflation rate up to 1.7 per cent in April, from 1.4 per cent in March.

Carney said it was too soon to assess the trend for the bank's core inflation rate, which strips out energy prices. The core rate was 1.5 per cent in April, up from 1.3 per cent in March.

The interview was conducted on Tuesday, before the government on Friday released figures that showed the economy unexpectedly shrank by an annualized 0.3 per cent in the first quarter. It was the first time in almost five years that quarterly gross domestic product had fallen. REUTERS

Down Under **Sunny side up**

DANIEL MUNOZ/REUTERS

Grant Lovett, head of fixed income at UBS Australia, poses at UBS headquarters in Sydney recently. Bankers facing layoffs in Europe and the United States are looking increasingly at Australia's drum-tight market, led by expatriate Australians tempted home by a buoyant local economy. Australia's banking sector has been relatively unscathed by the subprime mortgage meltdown and firms are still struggling to fill positions due to a very tight labour market.

Strong trial data for chemo

U.S.-based drug development company Poniard Pharmaceuticals Inc. reported promising preliminary trial results for a new type of chemotherapy yesterday, findings it hopes will be strong enough to land a development partner to help finance future studies.

Early results from the ongoing 100-patient Phase II trial showed that out of 11 evaluated patients on the experimental regimen, 10 achieved disease control of metastatic colorectal cancer. REUTERS

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» **BEAR STEARNS** JPMorgan Chase & Co. said on Saturday it completed its $1.4-billion US Bear Stearns Cos. takeover, capping the demise of a Wall Street firm that survived the Depression and numerous slumps in its 85 years but could not navigate the mortgage crisis.

» **BANGLADESH** Former Bangladesh prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia was taken to a court yesterday to face a graft charge involving Niko Resources Ltd., a Canadian oil exploration firm, officials said. In December, a Niko company official said the firm had not operated unethically in Bangladesh.

» **MINING** India's Sterlite Industries agreed Saturday to buy the operating assets of bankrupt copper miner Asarco for $2.6 billion U.S.

REUTERS

sports

Jamaica's Usain Bolt, left, set a world record in the 100 metres on Saturday by clocking 9.72 seconds at the Reebok grand prix meeting at Icahn Stadium in New York. Bolt bettered the mark of 9.74 set by countryman Asafa Powell last September. REUTERS

SHAUN BEST/REUTERS

Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins are facing elimination in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Finals tonight in Detroit. The Red Wings lead the best-of-seven series 3-1 after winning in Pittsburgh on Saturday night.

Pens fighting to survive

Pittsburgh looks to keep Cup hopes alive tonight

As Darryl Sydor sat answering questions about the Pittsburgh Penguins' do-or-die situation, he was fingering his 1999 Dallas Stars Stanley Cup ring.

He did it partly out of habit, partly out of nerves, but mostly to send a message, to his teammates and to himself.

"That's what I've always done, I've always worn my rings in the playoffs," said Sydor. "Just kind of reminds me of how hard it is to try and get these."

To get another ring now, the task before Sydor and the Penguins is monumental: Win the next three before Detroit wins one — starting tonight with Game 5 at the Joe Louis Arena. "We know what we have to do," said Penguins captain Sidney Crosby. "We've got to win to stay alive. It's pretty clear and simple. So that's the way we're looking at it. We're going to be desperate here (tonight). And all we focus on is winning that game."

Instead of focusing, though, the Penguins seem to be finding ways to distract themselves.

Coach Michel Therrien, already labelled a whiner by some for moaning about the way the referees are calling the game, is growing irritated with the media, bristling at the notion Crosby doesn't play enough.

Crosby is getting increasingly involved in post-whistle scrums, the latest being a chat-fest with Henrik Zetterberg after Detroit's win in Game 4 and a third period in which the Penguins failed to get even a shot on net during a 5-on-3 power play.

Evgeni Malkin finds himself under immense scrutiny having failed to register even a point in the final and not having any impact since Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final.

"It's a tough time of year," said Crosby. "It's the time where you have to fight through a lot of things. It's not always easy. And that's just part of the playoffs, and you've got to battle through that.

"It's a test mentally."

While yesterday's long, tired faces on the likes of Jordan Staal and Marian Hossa painted a picture of a Penguins team that was down on its luck if not down on itself, news from the Red Wings camp couldn't have been more upbeat.

Winger Tomas Holmstrom announced to all he will play tonight, his hamstring having recovered.

"I will be in the lineup. I'm feeling good," said Holmstrom. "I look forward to it."

If he gets the green light from coach Mike Babcock, Holmstrom would give the Wings not just a scoring threat, but another voice of calm in a dressing room filled with Stanley Cup winners.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Perry wins Memorial, Weir tied for second

Kenny Perry produced a near flawless final round to win the Memorial Tournament by two shots and jump to fifth in the American Ryder Cup standings yesterday.

Weir

Perry carded a three-under-par 69 in gusty winds at Muirfield Village to collect his 10th victory on the PGA Tour.

He finished at eight-under 280, two strokes ahead of Ontario's Mike Weir, Briton Justin Rose, American Jerry Kelly and Australian Mathew Goggin.

Canadian Jon Mills ended up in a tie for 26th place. REUTERS

»sports In Brief

» **TENNIS** Three-times champion Rafael Nadal pummelled fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco into a 6-1, 6-0, 6-2 submission to reach the quarter-finals of the French Open yesterday. Also advancing were trio of Serbians Ana Ivanovic, Jelena Jankovic and Novak Djokovic.

» **NFL** Miami Dolphins defensive end and former Defensive Player of the Year Jason Taylor announced in a news conference yesterday he will play just one more season.

» **MOTOR SPORTS** Kyle Busch raced to a season-high fourth NASCAR win of the year with a dominant performance at Dover, Del., yesterday.

» **MLB** The Cincinnati Reds placed starting pitcher Josh Fogg on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with back spasms. The club called up reliever Gary Majewski.

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(* – if necessary)

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Zetterberg, Det	12	11	23
Mari.Hossa, Pgh	10	12	22
Datsyuk, Det	9	11	20
Malkin, Pgh	9	10	19
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Ribeiro, Dal	3	14	17
Briere, Pha	9	7	16
Malone, Pgh	6	10	16

NBA

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
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Game 6 — Friday's result
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LOTTERIES

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Lotto Super 7 — 16, 24, 30, 32, 34, 37 & 40. Bonus 5.
Extra — 23, 34, 51, 65.
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Earth 'drying up'

Award winner Barlow talks to Metro about the global water crisis

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
for Metro Vancouver

Leave it to the unsinkable Maude Barlow to protest an award she's about to receive.

The national chairperson for one of the nation's biggest citizen activist groups, The Council of Canadians, is indeed grateful for the Citation of Lifetime Achievement that she'll accept at the Canadian Environment Awards in Toronto tonight for her work in raising awareness about the growing global water crisis. However, she says that should there be demonstrators outside the gala protesting Shell — activists who argue the presence of the oil company and award sponsor is a travesty against the global climate change fight — she will show her solidarity by joining them arm-in-arm.

As one of the few energy companies in support of the Kyoto Accord, Barlow notes Shell has made some progressive strides, but she still has some major concerns, among them being its coal-bed methane operations in Northern B.C. and its history in Nigeria.

"I will support the demonstrators outside if they are there. I don't see it as a choice: You can go inside and accept the award but at the same time make a statement, which is what I'll do," says the author of Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis And The Coming Battle For The Right To Water. "You can be critical of these corporations and advance the work together. I think I'll be doing inside-outside support."

Barlow plans to address several hackle-raising subjects during her acceptance speech. The main ones include the danger of the corporate takeover of water systems and the government's enthusiastic plans to sell off Canadian water resources to an already thirsty U.S. — adding the Bush administration and the Pentagon have been getting advice from Lockheed Martin, the world's largest weapons manufacturer, on how to appropriate water from sources outside of its borders.

Barlow also wants Canada to recognize water as a fundamental human right at the United Nations, and she doesn't buy Ottawa's argument to the contrary, saying she can't imagine a more willing vendor than the Harper government.

"Our government says if water is a human right, we'll be forced to sell it to Americans, which is crazy," Barlow said.

"A human right is for people who are dying, it's not to provide golf courses or swimming pools to wealthy people. It's just an excuse: The real reason Canada is opposing the right to water at the UN is because in NAFTA, we have supported water as a tradeable good. And it would be a true contradiction — which I think would be great, but they don't think would be great — if we were to say it was a right."

The lack of potable water is an emergency for many parts of the globe, says Barlow, and an award ceremony such as this is an opportunity for her to get the word out that this predicament could reach Canadians sooner than they might think.

"The Earth is kind of like an apple that's green in some parts, but it has brown spots where it's drying up. We have to have this image in our minds," she said. "We have to live differently. We have to grow our food differently. We have to stop assuming technology is going to solve everything, because it isn't. We have to protect our public water systems. This, to me, is an emergency that equals climate change any day. I do what I can to sound the alarm and get this information out to the world."

what are the Canadian Environment Awards?

The Canadian Environment Awards celebrate the people behind grassroots hands-on environmental initiatives happening across Canada, and their efforts to reduce waste and educate their communities.

The accolades are well-deserved, says award-winning writer Rick Boychuk, panelist for the gala and editor-in-chief of Canadian Geographic Magazine, which founded the awards gala in 2002. He says activists, especially those working to fight climate change, constantly face uphill battles.

"Funding for what they do is always a challenge," says Boychuk. "Research is as well: Getting your hands on reliable scientific information. And keep in mind these people are volunteers; they take time out of their 9-to-5 lives to do this."

» For more on the gala, visit *www.canadiangeographic.ca/cea2008/home.asp*.

Activist Maude Barlow will receive the Citation of Lifetime Achievement at the Canadian Environment Awards gala in Toronto tonight.

going against the flow

Below are Maude Barlow's tips on what you can do to save water:

» Don't buy bottled water, says Barlow. "It's a scam. It's sitting in plastic, which is made up of fossil fuels and chemicals. Go back to regulated and tested tap water. Last year, we put something like 200 billion litres of water in plastic bottles around the world. Ninety-five per cent of those did not get recycled. This is insane. It's not acceptable."

» Notify your provincial and federal politicians that you support the campaign for a National Water Act — which would set national water standards, map out ground water supplies and ban the commercial export of water (*www.RightToWater.ca*).

» Use low-flow showerheads, washing machines and dishwashers.

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Commuters challenged

Canadian cities, people compete to save kilometres

By **ERIC EMIN WOOD**
for Metro Vancouver

If you're like most commuters, you'll spend another $183 driving your car to and from work this week. Sponsored by Telus, the National Commuter Challenge — in which cities across the country compete until June 7 to save kilometres — aims to change that.

"It's an opportunity for people to try something outside of their single-occupant vehicles," says Kathryn Winkler, chair of the National Commuter Challenge and founder and executive director of the Sustainable Alberta Association, which runs the Calgary program.

"I've been a commuter cyclist forever," says Winkler. "And in 1993, I was moving to a new job in Calgary and somebody mentioned there was this little challenge going on, so I got my workplace involved."

In 1999, those same participants thought it would be fun to challenge another city. "So we set up an organization," says Winkler, "and in 2000 we launched the first national challenge among cities across the country."

The challenge encourages commuters to walk, bike, take public transportation or carpool during Environment Week this week. Other participating cities include Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, London and Halifax. "Everyone across the country can participate," says Winkler, "and if they're not, they can just go to the website."

Last year, the challenge had 170 communities and 1,757 workplaces participating, representing 37,703 Canadians.

> *« It's an opportunity for people to try something outside of their single-occupant vehicles. »* Kathryn Winkler

"It's a fun event, but in trying to find your way to work, taking the bus, or getting there by bike, you're actually giving yourself an option once the event is finished," says Winkler. "Quite often, the largest barrier is that people don't know where their bus routes are, where to park their bike, or that you've got a person two blocks away going to the exact same place as you. So if you do it for a day or especially a week, by the end you have all the information you need to make that other choice."

As of press time, 534 communities and 3,962 workplaces, comprising 14,738 individuals have registered, so far and a total of 17,990 kilometres have been saved.

» For statistical updates or to register, check out the National Commuter Challenge's website at *www.commuterchallenge.ca*.

This week, commuters are being challenged to walk, bike, carpool or take public transit.

environment week explained

» According to the current Conservative government, Environment Week — which was created by the Trudeau government in 1971 — is all about preserving the natural benefits Canadians enjoy, with the added bonus of "strengthening the economy ... enhancing health and quality of life."

Events tied to the week from all across the country can be found on the Environment Canada website (*www.ec.gc.ca*), on its Community Action Board. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Society works on restoration

By **DONNA NG**
for Metro Vancouver

Having worked in the Salmo watershed and Upper Columbia River Basin for 10 years, Gerard Nellestijn has earned himself a "really great" nomination for tonight's Canadian Environment Awards.

Nellestijn

As the president of the Salmo Watershed Streamkeepers Society, Nellestijn and the society's volunteers built an environmental stewardship and began their efforts to restore the area impacted by mining, logging and road building. Nellestijn's hard work has led him to receive a Restoration and Rehabilitation award nomination.

"We're taking a comprehensive look at how to do things around here," said Nellestijn. "We began restoration activity on significant tailing and now it's being restored because of our efforts and many efforts of others."

Nellestijn said he hopes the nomination will recognize all the work the group members and partners have done as well as give those who want to help the opportunity to.

"The projects we do take a lot of money and some of the projects we have on our planning sheet are usually expensive," added Nellestijn. "Funding is very important for us and I really hope the recognition will make funding easier.

"The bulk of the work is volunteer-driven so it's obvious to us that the work we've done is important, but we don't if the public knows that."

» going out

June 3, 7 p.m. A Naturalist's Presentation: "Canaries in a Coal Mine: Birds as Environmental Indicators". Master bird bander Derek J. Matthews leads a colourful tour of birds. Metrotown Library Resource Room, 6100 Willingdon Ave. For more, call (604)294-7530.

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Tourism job offers exciting change

Olympics spurring mass media interest in city

By **ANDREW KING**
for Metro Vancouver

Emily Armstrong loves her job. And how could she not? Besides travelling, dining out with clients and working with international media, she gets to be an integral part of showing off Vancouver for the 2010 Olympics.

As Tourism Vancouver's manager of travel media relations, Armstrong works with media across North America to provide travel writers, editors and TV producers with an insider's look at Vancouver with information, video clips and even tours to provide a personal experience for their stories.

"We focus on travel specific … things people can do to get a feel for the city while they're here," she said. "If someone's writing a Gastown shopping story, we might take them to a couple of places and introduce them to owners."

Armstrong began her tourism career in marketing and sales at a downtown boutique hotel before joining Tourism Vancouver's media department five years ago. After three years as a media relations' specialist she moved up to manager, a position she relishes.

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>
> *Tourism Vancouver's manager of travel media Emily Armstrong*

"The best thing about my job is that it's always changing," she said. "You're always working with different people … and what you're talking about is always changing."

HOT JOBS

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With the 2010 Games less than two years away, Armstrong is busier than ever handling more media requests than usual, which also means more nights out with journalists.

"Meeting people from everywhere is really cool. Last night I was out with a spirits writer for a national publication, so that was fun."

As for starting a career in tourism and media relations, Armstrong says there isn't one clear path to take.

"They don't really tell you that jobs like this exist when you're in university."

However, she encourages people interested in her job to polish their writing skills, have a love for tourism, and especially, know the city well.

"I think everyone at Tourism Vancouver has to be experts on what is happening in the city and what the new things are."

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Old law upholds workplace rights

U.S. employees who complain of racial bias in the workplace and then face retaliation can sue under a post-Civil War-era law barring discrimination, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week.

In a second similar decision, the high court ruled that a provision of the federal law barring age discrimination prohibits retaliation against a federal government employee who complains of bias.

Steven Shapiro of the American Civil Liberties Union hailed both rulings, saying, "(The) decisions are appropriately grounded in the realities of the workplace. The court has protected workers and respected congressional intent."

In the first case, the high court by a 7-2 vote handed a sweeping victory to Hendrick Humphries, who had been an associate manager at a Cracker Barrel restaurant from 1999 to 2001 in Bradley, Illinois.

Humphries claimed under the law that he had been retaliated against because he complained to the district manager that the store manager had discriminated against him and another black employee.

The federal law at issue in the case was originally part of the Reconstruction-era Civil Rights Act of 1866 and was amended by Congress in 1991.

One of the nation's oldest civil rights laws, it was enacted to ensure former slaves and other blacks had the same right to make contracts as whites.

While the law does not specifically mention retaliation, several U.S. appeals courts, including the one in the Humphries case, have interpreted it to cover retaliatory firings. The Supreme Court upheld the appeals court's decision.

Business groups supported the owner of the Cracker Barrel restaurant while civil rights groups, members of Congress, 14 states and the Bush administration all supported Humphries and said the law applied to retaliation.

A different law, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, has employment-related provisions that prohibit retaliation against employees who complain about discrimination.

But unlike the older law, the 1964 law places strict time limits on the filing of such claims and restricts the amount of damages that can be awarded. REUTERS

Gas price fuelling changes

Rising costs alter commuting habits

Feeling pressure at the pump, many workers are changing their commuting habits to ease the financial burden of rising gas prices, a new survey shows. More than four out of 10 (44 per cent) professionals interviewed said higher gas prices have affected their commutes, up from 34 per cent two years ago when a similar survey was conducted.

Among those who said they have altered their work arrangements, the most common changes they reported making include increased carpooling or ridesharing (46 per cent), driving a more fuel-efficient vehicle (33 per cent) and telecommuting more frequently (33 per cent). Three in 10 said they are looking for a new job closer to home.

The national survey included responses from more than 500 workers 18 years of age or older and employed full or part time. It was conducted by an independent research firm and developed by Robert Half International.

no help

» Almost six in 10 respondents (59 per cent), said their companies are not offering programs to alleviate higher gas costs.

Workers were asked, "Have higher gasoline prices affected how you are commuting to work or your work arrangements?"

Workers whose commutes have been affected by higher gasoline prices also were asked, "Which, if any, of the following changes have you made because of higher gasoline prices?" Their responses:

» Increasing carpooling or ridesharing;
» Driving a more fuel-efficient car;
» Telecommuting more frequently;
» Looking for a new job closer to home;
» Working from office locations closer to home;
» Working fewer days of the week;
» Asking for increased compensation;
» Taking public transportation more frequently;
» Walking or biking to work;
» Driving more conscientiously;
» Cutting back on spending.

The survey found employers are launching a variety of initiatives to ease the burden on employees. The most common benefits companies are implementing to offset the rising cost of commuting, according to those interviewed, are increased mileage reimbursement for travel, ridesharing or vanpooling programs and subsidized transportation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Gulf firms hold few women directors

Religious and social norms are the main reasons why Gulf Arab firms have fewer women directors than Western companies, an Abu Dhabi-based investment firm concluded in a report.

Women in the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia hold an average of 1.5 per cent of the positions on executive boards, compared with 13.6 per cent in the United States, The National Investor said in the report.

"The participation of women in the economy in general is very low," Amer Halawi, head of research TNI, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

« The participation of women in the economy in general is very low. »
Amir Halawi

"It's mainly because of social and religious reasons, but there are also other factors related to the structure of society."

The study was conducted in cooperation with the UAE's Institute for Corporate Governance, it said.

The Gulf Arab region has been witnessing a financial and real estate boom, fuelled by revenues from a sixfold increase in oil prices since 2002.

But women have been largely marginalized as many people in the region still believe women belong at home.

Women in Saudi Arabia are not allowed to drive and have to seek permission from male relatives to apply for jobs or marry.

In more liberal Kuwait, women have failed to win a parliamentary seat in the two polls since the legislature granted them the right to vote and stand as candidates in 2005.

TNI's report, which looked at the boards of 582 companies across the region, found that representation of women on boards in Kuwait is higher than in Italy: 2.7 per cent versus 2 per cent. In Dubai, which led the region's real estate boom, the average of women directors is 1.2 per cent. REUTERS

Culture clash likely when starting business in India

When foreigners complain to her that Indians are liars, Ranjini Manian often tells them what's actually upsetting them is a simple clash of cultures.

The accusation is common among expatriates stumped by the Indian way of doing business and one that Manian tries to counter with the help of Global Adjustments, one of a few firms offering cross-cultural services in the world's third biggest economy.

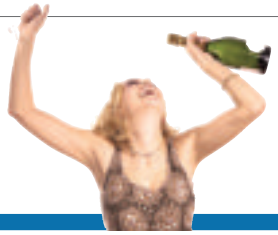
"Foreigners can't understand why Indians don't say 'yes' and 'no' clearly," Manian, the firm's CEO, told Reuters.

"We tell them Indians have a hard time using the word 'no.' There is this tendency to want to save face, (but) a polite 'I'll try my best' is not good enough."

Manian, 47, founded Global Adjustments in 1995, soon after helping the wife of a U.S. diplomat adjust to life with a baby in India. Now her Chennai-based firm mostly caters to clients from multinational firms such as Nokia.

For newcomers, the contrasts of India can be unnerving.

"They are likely to find a BMW next to a bullock cart," says Manian. "And they have been given a scary picture of all the diseases in India." REUTERS



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» Office Yoga

By HEATHER DeLONG

This Week's Pose: Seated side stretch

- Five minutes of daily office yoga can help relieve physical tension, reduce mental stress and increase awareness of your posture at work.
- This seated side stretch will help open up the sides of the body, including the rib cage and the intercostals muscles between each rib. Breathing deeply in the pose will help to expand the chest cavity increasing the flow of oxygen to the brain and revitalizing the internal.
- Remember: Focus on your breath as you perform this simple office pose. Every aspect of the pose should feel comfortable. You should never feel any pain when doing yoga.
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Medical consultants aim to help doctors

'Many lack time to run business'

By MARTY YORK
for Metro Vancouver

Doctors, generally, are pretty sharp.

Those prefixes in front of their names are there for a reason. They excel academically, or at least have at some point of their lives.

Having said this, however, it also is fair to suggest that, generally, a large number of Canadian doctors lack business acumen.

"That certainly appears to be the case," acknowledges Jivi Khehra, a medical-practice consultant for more than 14 years.

"More and more doctors seem to be getting business degrees, but the majority of doctors who run private practices in Canada appear to be in need of definite assistance when it comes to running their businesses."

Khehra, who operates in New Westminster, B.C., is by no means knocking Canadian doctors for their business shortcomings.

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>
> *Medical-practice consultant Jivi Khehra*

"It's easily understandable," she says. "I can't tell you how many doctors I've met over the years who are so focused on their practices and on helping people that they simply don't have the time to properly run their businesses. Depending on where they are, doctors have anywhere from 1,500 to 2,200 patients. There are many who are stressed and tired and simply haven't had time to make themselves aware of how to operate efficiently."

Enter medical-practice consultants.

"We're like any other business consultants," she says, "except that we deal with people who often don't think of their practices as businesses.

"And, in too many cases, they don't even think about how to improve their businesses. They're too busy concentrating on their patients to concentrate on change."

Medical-practice consultants are paid to lead doctors into change.

Khehra has an MBA in leadership and is working on a PHD in organizational behaviour.

As she explains on her website, *www.windsofchange.info,* Khehra provides clients with programs that range from operational consulting and support to writing of organizational and training tools to customer service to managing and training employees.

Similarly, Practice Solutions Consulting (*www.practicesolutions.ca*), a conglomerate that was formed in 1996 and is affiliated with the Canadian Medical Association, has developed what it calls a "proven, six-step process" for doctors.

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Generations cut communication

Age gap lowers amount of chat, study suggests

Workers aren't bridging the generation gap because 20-something employees rarely chat to those in their 50s and 60s, according to a new survey.

The poll of 3,494 adults by employment services group Randstad USA showed that 51 per cent of baby boomers and 66 per cent of older workers report little to no interaction with their younger colleagues.

Employment experts fear the lack of communication could create a shortage of skilled labour because retiring baby boomers aren't passing on their knowledge and experience.

"Older workers stereotypically view younger workers as not as competent and not having such a work ethic," said Eric Buntin, managing director, marketing and operations for Randstad USA. "Younger workers view the older as not thinking outside the box."

He said the different generations of employees do not have the same expectations of work and values of employment, which is a difficult gap to bridge.

> « *Older workers stereotypically view younger workers as not as competent and not having such a work ethic. Younger workers view the older as not thinking outside the box. The key is that organizations find a way structurally for generations to interact, but it can't be a rah-rah coffee or lunch.* »
>
> *Eric Buntin*
> *managing director of marketing operations for Randstad USA (the publishers of the study)*

"The key is that organizations find a way structurally for generations to interact but it can't be a rah-rah coffee or lunch," Buntin said.

"It has to be bringing them together in meaningful ways so they're engaged in projects together and that has to be managed in the course of time."

The survey examined four generations, Generation Y, born between 1980 to 1988; Generation X, born 1965 to 1979; baby boomers born in 1946 to 1964 and matures born before 1945.

The survey also showed that three of the four generations said they have little to no interaction with the most experienced workers — matures.

That's despite Generation Y people having a relatively poor view of their age group, with only 29 per cent of Generation Y workers rating their generation as competent, the survey said.

REUTERS

A new study indicates that younger people don't talk enough with their elders on the job, and this could pose a problem as the more experienced workers are not passing along their knowledge to the younger crop.

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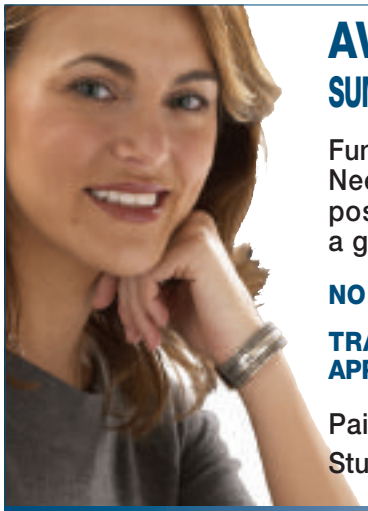

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advice

» Daniel Rojas-Orrego advises treating music with the seriousness of any other profession and remaining open to direction.

» "For a lot of young people, they think what they're doing has never been done before. That's not always true. It's very important to learn from people who have been there doing it longer than you have."

Indie take on music

College lets you take industry out of music

By **BRIAN COULTON**
for Metro Vancouver

Toronto's Seneca College offers a program for the musician that wants to make it on their own.

The garage band used to be a group of kids banging drums and grazing guitar strings after school. Then, Apple came along and digitized it, claiming GarageBand as a new, home-based way to mix music. Now, Toronto's Seneca College is taking both translations, combining layman leisure with indie ability in a program that's taking the industry out of the music.

Their two-semester Independent Music Production (IMP) program assumes a garage band passion for music but adds the professionalism Acting Program Coordinator John Switzer says is necessary for students to make a living as musicians.

"The program is based on the whole idea of being the musician — someone who doesn't look for a manager, record company and producer to come help them and take them under their wing, but who wants to do it themselves."

Switzer says the program places equal emphasis on the trio of audio production, musicianship and the music business, noting the integration as being what sets it apart from other, less varied programs. But it's also the diversity that defines the hefty expectations prospective students face.

"If you don't have musical talent, we can't really help you at this point," he laughs, "Go take some guitar lessons." Switzer's matter-of-factness is warranted. The IMP program admits only 20 students each term and applicants for the September 2008 semester exceeded 250. "If you've already got some talent but are wondering how to make a living doing it, that's where we come in," he says.

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Actress Holly Hunter, left, was immortalized with the 2,363rd star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Friday. E! NEWS ONLINE

Idol touts talent gains

Producer, judge say pool one of the best in years

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Vancouver

Another season of Canadian Idol starts tomorrow and the talk among insiders is that this will be the most talented group yet.

Canadian Idol executive producer John Brunton says this year's group is the strongest the singing competition has ever seen.

Sure, we've heard this before, but Brunton says he can't stress how true this fact really is this year.

"It will sound like it's a cliché, that this is the best season of talent we've ever had … and everybody will say 'Well, you say that every year don't you?'" Brunton tells Metro. "I haven't said that every year, and I think one of our strongest overall years of talent was season two with Kalan (Porter) and Jacob (Hoggard) and Theresa (Sokyrka)."

This year's auditions drew musicians from places such as Los Angeles and London, England. These are people who have been gaining enough success to get them gigs and allow them to get their names known out in the music industry.

"These were not the types of people who would normally turn out for our show in the early years, but (it's) the credibility and also the fact that it's so difficult to get a record deal these days," says Brunton. "We've cut a good 50 people that in previous seasons may have made the Top 22 … we really have an interesting group and for a whole bunch of different reasons."

Canadian Idol judge Jake Gold echoes Brunton's opinions regarding this year's competitors.

"The problem is that every time we say it's better than the year before, people go 'Yeah you're supposed to say that,'" says Gold. "But the reality is on an overall basis, it's like miles above any other year. It's not just 'Oh it's better,' it's like a whole other level of better."

Host Ben Mulroney
CTV PHOTO

The challenge though came down to the final day where Gold and fellow judges Farley Flex, Sass Jordan and Zack Werner chose the Top 22 this year.

"We actually sat down and said, 'How can we actually, in good conscience send this person home?' and it was that difficult," he says. "There's an overall confidence among them that we've never seen before. This level of knowing who they are and the fact that they're very sure of themselves."

Page picks up MTV's golden popcorn

Canadian actress wins for role in movie Juno

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Vancouver

It was a night for Canadian actors to shine as Ellen Page captured an early win for Juno and Mike Myers took the reins as host of last night's 2008 MTV Movie Awards.

Myers, best known for his portrayal of Austin Powers, kicked off the gala event with a dance-off between himself and singer Chris Brown at the Gibson Amphitheatre in California.

Myers also managed to shamelessly promote his upcoming film The Love Guru and brought back Dana Carvey for a Wayne's World reunion skit.

Hancock's Charlize Theron, Will Smith and Jason Bateman presented Page with the golden popcorn for best female performance for her role in Juno.

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Host Mike Myers.

"It's not every day that you get a golden popcorn from Charlize Theron, Will Smith and Jason Bateman," said Page. "This was just a little movie we made and it was because of everyone that went to see it that made it what it was."

The biggest award of the night was best movie, which was awarded to the 2007 blockbuster Transformers.

"Thank you so much. This is the coolest award … I wish I could strap this to my producer's chair," said executive producer Michael Bay, also known for movies Armageddon and Pearl Harbor.

Best comedic performance was awarded to Johnny Depp for Walt Disney Pictures' Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's End. Depp also took hardware in the category of best villain for Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

Other wins included Iron Man for best summer movie you have seen, and I Am Legend starring Will Smith for best male performance.

Sex And The City is the No. 1 movie.

weekend box office

» Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning May 30:
» **1. Sex And The City, $55.7 million US**
» 2. Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, $46 million
» 3. The Strangers, $20.7 million
» 4. Iron Man, $14 million
» 5. Prince Caspian, $13 million
» 6. What Happens In Vegas, $6.9 million
» 7. Baby Mama, $2.2 million
» 8. Speed Racer, $2.1 million
» 9. Made Of Honor, $2 million
» 10. Forgetting Sarah Marshall, $1 million

reality TV

Idol David Cook scores digital hit

Cook

MUSIC It's the first time songs performed on American Idol have been made available for immediate download on iTunes — and it has paid off handsomely for winner David Cook.

Cook's The Time Of My Life has since tallied 236,000 downloads, making it No. 1 on Billboard's Hot Digital Songs chart and helping to land it the No. 3 spot on the Billboard Hot 100. REUTERS

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A Long Island home owned by rapper 50 Cent, left, burned to the ground at about 5 a.m. Friday in a fire that Dix Hills Fire Chief Larry Feld has deemed "suspicious." No one was reported hurt. The house had been at the centre of a dispute between 50 Cent and his ex-girlfriend. EW.COM

Minimalist decorating with a twist

COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

OK, OK... so it's hard to keep up with what's in and what's out, but one style that remains perennially popular — no matter what the decorating climate — is 'minimalism.' Our take, however, is rather different from other designers who create this style. And of course we know best.

What frustrates us most about 'ADAM' (Another Designer Attempting Minimalism) is the fact that results can be so hard on the eye. Sure that concrete floor is gorgeous, that Minotti sofa looks wonderfully hip and those pure white walls promote a crisp clean art gallery aesthetic, but try living in a space that's more sterile than a vet's surgery and you'll soon feel decoratively neutered.

Be selective with art work or statement sculpture. One good piece is better than an assembly of ill conceived clutter.

Take our advice: warm things up. This week's Home Show demonstrates how homes are for living in. Yup, finding that elusive balance between paring back and adding more is our raison d'etre. If you crave a slick tailored feel, simply remove unnecessary elements and ensure every item serves a useful purpose. Sure, that Minotti sofa is gorgeous, but wouldn't it be better to have something custom made to suit your scheme? Try Silva Upholstery (*www.silva4home.com*) and be amazed at how affordable 'bespoke' furniture actually is — often no more than mass produced stock.

Next, break minimalist 'rules' and dress with a selection of throws and cushions. Controversial! Sure, that concrete floor is super sexy but for God's sake warm things up a little with a sexy rug by Millenia (*www.milleniacarpet.com*), Canada's best custom flooring manufacturer. Don't go overboard but at least allow yourself some comfort! This, to us, is the essence of 'soft' minimalism; don't be too strict, select things that are personal to your space and invest in good quality kit from the start. Our motto? Think TWICE by ONCE.

C and J's top six minimalist style tips:

1 Ditch that bulky TV — opt for a wall hung flat screen that makes a serious statement without cluttering floor space.

2 Unify flooring choices as you move from room to room — an easy way to make space feel bigger.

3 Low slung sofas, clean-lined cabinetry and unfussy 'pot lights' will help keep mood 'low key.'

4 White walls are achingly cool but don't be too austere — opt instead for softer 'off white' tones such as 'Pale Shadow' by Dulux. Gentler on the eye by miles.

5 Store CDs and DVDs in inexpensive boxes from Ikea — you don't need to break the bank to look organised.

6 Be selective — one good statement sculpture or art work is WAY better than an assembly of ill conceived clutter.

HGTV hosts Colin and Justin continue their mission of beautification with their Canadian design series The Home Show, airing Tuesdays at 11 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m. ET on HGTV. www.hgtv.ca

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Brad Pitt manager denies birth report

Entertainment Tonight stands by its 'inside' source

Brad Pitt's manager denied a television report on Friday that Oscar-winner Angelina Jolie, who has publicly acknowledged she was expecting twins with the actor, had given birth to them in France this week.

"It's not true. It's a rumor," Pitt's Los Angeles-based talent manager, Cynthia Pett-Dante, told Reuters in a statement issued by her office. She declined further comment.

However, Entertainment Tonight said it stood by its report earlier in the day that Jolie had given birth to twin daughters in France, attributing the story to an unidentified person close to the actress.

"The source says she was inside the delivery room, tells ET yes, the babies were born, and yes, mother and daughters are fine," the syndicated program said in its broadcast.

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Brad Pitt's manager denies rumours that partner Angelina Jolie has given birth to twins.

The story was disputed almost from the start by various other celebrity news outlets, with People magazine quoting an unnamed representative for Jolie on its website as saying: "Angelina has not given birth. She is fine, enjoying her home and her family in France."

Meanwhile, another celebrity publication, Britain's NOW magazine, reported the latest additions to the Jolie-Pitt clan had already been named Isla Marcheline and Amelie Jane.

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music

Tyler blames feet for rehab stint

PEOPLE Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler says he entered rehab earlier this month because he needed "a safe environment to recuperate" following a series of painful foot surgeries.

Tyler

The 60-year-old rocker, has been a passionate advocate of sobriety for more than two decades, and so TMZ.com's report last week that he had checked into a Los Angeles-area clinic raised some eyebrows.

music

Keyboardist leaves Dave Matthews

SPLIT Just as its summer tour is set to begin, the Dave Matthews Band has announced that keyboardist Butch Taylor has left the group for unknown reasons. A rep for the band said Taylor will not be replaced on the tour, which starts Friday.

REUTERS

Amy Winehouse, right, has been added to the lineup of artists set to perform at a special London concert on June 27 marking former South African president Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday. E! NEWS ONLINE

Genuine rumour is Hollywood currency

IDIOT BOX

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REGIME CHANGE: Nikki Finke of L.A. Weekly was the insider of choice for news during the recent Hollywood writers' strike, so it's hard not to give credence to a recent posting on her Deadline Hollywood blog that Dawn Ostroff is very likely on her way out as head of the CW network, to be replaced by Tony DiSanto, the MTV programming chief who gave us The Hills, Laguna Beach and Total Request Live, among other sources of itching, burning pain.

DiSanto, who recently insisted that he had no intention of leaving MTV after years of nurturing its instantly recognizable programming, is supposed to be denying the rumour, but no one is apparently denying that Ostroff is in trouble.

The CW, a joint venture between CBS and Warner Bros. that's the primetime home of Gossip Girl, America's Next Top Model and the upcoming revival of Beverly Hills 90210, has apparently been holding meetings with potential new programming bosses, and DiSanto has been negotiating his deal with about as much secrecy as you can manage in the business, which is to say not much; thus the distracting denials.

From left, Audrina, Lauren and Whitney of The Hills, a show that numbers among the "sources of itching, burning pain" created by MTV programming chief Tony DiSanto.

Finke, for her part, isn't jazzed about the potential regime change, calling DiSanto's stable of MTV hits "swill" while noting that Ostroff "got her job by the skin of her teeth after programming as badly as she could at the old UPN and brown-nosing (CBS boss) Les Moonves." Ouch.

Finke notes that Hollywood folk are calling the Ostroff out/DiSanto in rumours "smoke, not fire," but it's customary in the business to make a great show of denying imminent change (after all, no point getting in Ostroff's bad books unnecessarily if she does, in fact, keep her job) then conceding that they knew all along when the rumours prove true, accepting the logic of the new reality as if it had always been this way.

In the end, it doesn't matter, as Finke notes that "Hollywood folk fail upwards: I'm told Dawn could end up running Oprah's new cable network."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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TV shrinks:

1. Dr. Robert Hartley (The Bob Newhart Show)
2. Dr. Tobias Funke (Arrested Development)
3. Dr. Marvin Monroe (The Simpsons)
4. Dr. Sidney Freedman (M*A*S*H)
5. Dr. Alfred Bellows (I Dream Of Jeannie)

— Rick McGinnis/ for Metro Vancouver

»going out

8 p.m. Glow In The Dark Tour featuring Kanye West, with special guests Rihanna, N.E.R.D. and Lupe Fiasco. At General Motors Place, 800 Griffiths Way.

8 p.m. Jaguar Love, with guests Nazca Lines and Elizabeth perform live. At Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $15. Info: *sealedwithakisspresents.com*.

9 p.m. Profile Mondays: DJs SupaFly (The Beat 94.5) and Feroz spinning top 40, mash up and R&B. At Tonic Nightclub, 919 Granville St. Tix: $20. Info: *clubzone.com*.

9 p.m. The Ice Cream Social: DJs Trevor Risk, Cam Dales and Tyler Fedchuk playing 50s and 60s hits. At Shine Nightclub, 364 Water St. Info: *shinenightclub.com*.

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Kanye West

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critics'corner

Two and a Half Men

She's baaack! Melanie Lynskey returned to the role of Rose, Charlie's (Charlie Sheen) stalker, in the sitcom's 100th episode last fall. Charlie and his new girlfriend, Linda (guest star Ming Wen), are growing closer, and consummation isn't far off. But for some reason, Charlie keeps seeing Rose's face everywhere. Jon Cryer and Angus T. Jones also star in "City of Great Racks." 9 PM on VI

The Mole

You thought this show was history? Never say never. Ten contestants are given a series of international-intrigue-flavored challenges to meet, with a twist: One member of the team is a "mole" whose mission is not to win, but to sabotage the others' efforts. At each episode's end, the team member who fails most miserably at guessing the mole's identity is eliminated from the competition. 10 PM on CITY

celebritybuzz

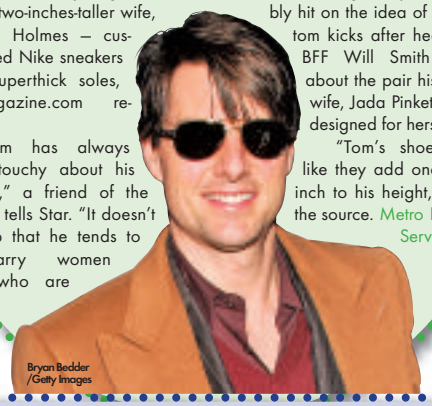
Cruise's custom shoes

Tom Cruise may have found a way to get closer to his two-inches-taller wife, Katie Holmes – customized Nike sneakers with superthick soles, starmagazine.com reports.

"Tom has always been touchy about his height," a friend of the actor tells Star. "It doesn't help that he tends to marry women who are taller than he is."

The 5'7" megastar probably hit on the idea of custom kicks after hearing BFF Will Smith rave about the pair his 5'-tall wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, designed for herself.

"Tom's shoes look like they add one extra inch to his height," says the source. Metro News Services



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Third time lucky?

Charlie Sheen wed Brooke Mueller in small ceremony in Beverly Hills Friday night, the couple's rep confirmed to usmagazine.com.

Guests included father Martin Sheen and brother Emilio Estevez as well as Eric Dane and his wife Rebecca Gayheart.

Sheen's daughters Sam, 4, and Lola, 3, with ex-wife Denise Richards were flower girls. Richards did not attend.

This is the third marriage for the Two and a Half Men star, 42 and the first for Mueller, 30, a real estate agent. Contrary to online reports, Mueller "is not pregnant," a rep for the couple told Usmagazine.com.

"I honestly think they're a match made in heaven," Richards told Us Weekly recently. Metro News Services

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Depressed or chemically dependent?

An insider has revealed that Cirque Lodge doesn't treat patients suffering from depression alone, casting doubts on actress Kirsten Dunst having claimed she went there to seek treatment for the condition, starmagazine.com reports.

Dunst had also denied she was being treated for a drug or alcohol problem.

According to the insider, however, patients at the Sundance, Utah, facility, must have some kind of chemical dependency.

"They would refer you somewhere else if it's just depression," the insider explained.

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Amy makes dubious return

Singer Amy Winehouse was an hour late to her first post-rehab concert Friday night, E! News Online reports.

The Grammy-winning soul chanteuse performed at the sold-out Rock in Rio music festival in Portugal.

Winehouse's voice cracked throughout her performance. She had visible cuts on her left arm and a bandage on her right hand. Thediva is famous for her tardiness and offstage antics. Just last week, her father accepted a British award on her behalf because she was late to the show.

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Smith dishes on lasting love

The D-word is often slung around the Hollywood Hills and now even Will Smith has been uttering the syllables.

But Smith's got something different to say about divorce, Ananova.com reports. The topic of nuptials came up as Ellen DeGeneres, on her talk show, noted that Will and his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, have been married for 10 years – almost unheard of in Hollywood.

Will got all deep and meaningful on the subject: "What I found is divorce just can't be an option.

"It's really that simple. And I think that's the problem with L.A., there are so many options. So a huge part of the success for (Jada) and I is that we just removed the other options."

He added: "We're like – listen, we're going to be together one way or the other so we might as well try to be happy."

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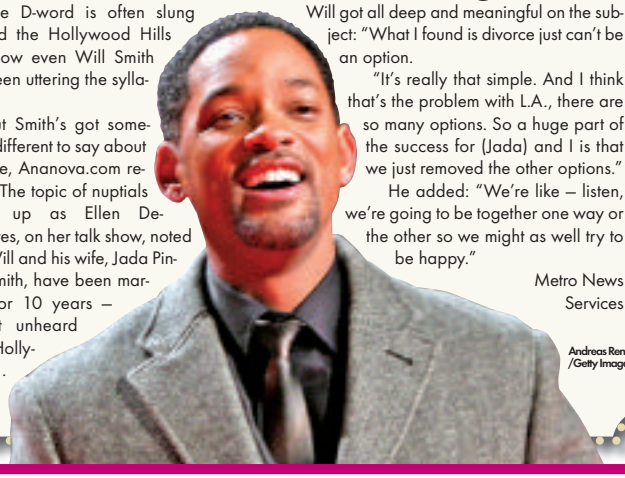

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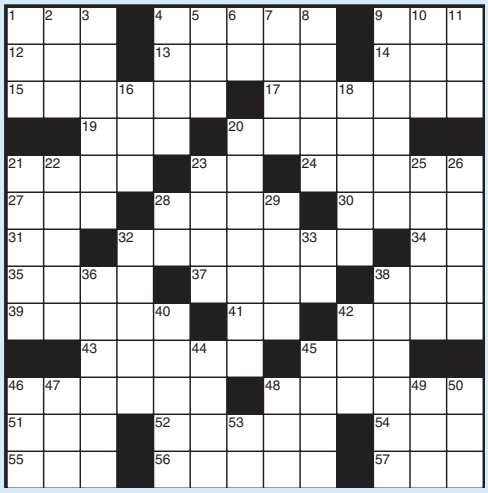

down »

1 Lummox
2 "Road movie" locale
3 Tree nymphs
4 Fluctuate
5 Suppositions
6 Yes, to Pedro
7 Ensnare
8 Fable writer
9 For men and women
10 One-liner
11 Biddy
16 Coast Guard off.
18 Stand in good —
20 Nest egg
21 Forms droplets
22 Yeah (hyph.)
23 Destiny
25 Visored caps
26 Venetian blinds
28 N.Y. neighbor
29 Huron neighbor
32 Aluminum company
33 Mag exec
36 Swab's target
38 Car source
40 Gold unit
42 "Mad Max" Gibson
44 Caligula's nephew
45 Piano parts
46 However
47 Flight board info
48 Wretched
49 Prior to
50 Blue
53 Egyptian sun god

across »

1 California's Fort —
4 Panorama
9 Gross!
12 Balloon filler
13 Eager
14 Glasgow turndown
15 Lobbies
17 Post
19 — day now
20 Locates
21 Leafs out
23 Musical note
24 Sneaks a look
27 Querying sounds
28 Neanderthal home
30 Figure-skating jump
31 Sigh of content
32 Robed
34 Informal parent
35 Oater showdown
37 Sooner city
38 Morse signal
39 Rough cabin
41 Fridge maker
42 Clutter
43 Reddish-brown horses
45 Green parrot
46 Watch out!
48 Beaux opposites
51 Ms. Hagen
52 Assortment
54 Geologic division
55 Price add-on
56 Insect eaters
57 Florid

previous answer

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
Unruly people are involved in a messy scheme. Laugh and your doubts will be lessened. Keep bad news you hear to yourself.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Do some personal pampering. You'll make some pleasing contacts. Vindictiveness will not be acceptable to you.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Love will grow after a secret is revealed. Stay away from bad tempered fools. Avoid too much fuss and bother.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
You can shake things up but a man will attend to his duty. A power play leads to better bonding. A man is lost in the wrong place.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A slacker seeks a miracle. A dramatic soap opera will make you laugh. Don't cater too much to a whiny hypochondriac.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
An open friend shares incredible information. Don't leave your stuff in a public place. Be firmer with indignant people.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Gentleness may not limit a confrontation. You'll emerge unscathed from a stressful situation. A friend will try to lighten the mood.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Reach out to someone you need to know. You can avoid being hurt by an affair. Doing the right thing will delight an accomplice.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
An egotist will shock you by taking the blame. A proud man won't be comforted. You'll have to watch some boring antics.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A whiner will make you lose your temper. Don't try to talk when you're too busy. A comment is misunderstood by a big shot.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You're attractive to others no matter what you do. Someone troubles your mind. Facts are presented by a stable person.

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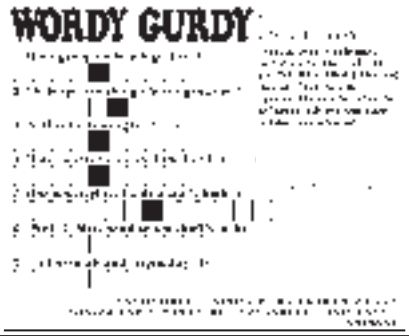

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

6	1	5	4	2	9	8	3	7
7	4	8	5	6	3	9	2	1
9	3	2	8	1	7	6	4	5
3	8	9	6	5	4	7	1	2
2	7	4	1	3	8	5	9	6
1	5	6	7	9	2	4	8	3
4	9	1	3	7	5	2	6	8
8	6	7	2	4	1	3	5	9
5	2	3	9	8	6	1	7	4

This Day IN HISTORY

June 2, 1800: First smallpox vaccination in North America, at Trinity, Newfoundland.
June 2, 1896: Guglielmo Marconi receives a patent for his newest invention: the radio.
June 2, 2003: Europe launches its first voyage to another planet, Mars. The European Space Agency's Mars Express probe launches from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan.
June 2, 2004: Ken Jennings begins his 74-game winning streak on the syndicated game show Jeopardy!. Metro News Services

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Variable. 17°	Rain. Low 10°	Rain. 14° / 10°	Showers. 15° / 10°	Showers. 16° / 9°
	60%	60%	40%	40%

Temperature
Normals
High: 18.7°
Low: 9.9°

Records
High: 30.6°/1970
Low: 5°/1973

Sunrise: 5:11 a.m.
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Moonrise: 3:45 a.m.
Moonset: 8:41 p.m.

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